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Via Electronic and Regular U.S. Mail

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the leadership and members of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), we extend our gratitude to you and your colleagues for taking the time to meet with us on March 14. We found the dialogue with you productive and engaging, and an excellent opportunity to discuss the very important cooperative federalism relationship between states and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We are pleased that you saw value in the data visualization used in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's environmental and performance measures dashboard. ECOS is well into a similar project to identify common environmental metrics in air, land, and water, and accompanying display tools, that we will make available to states to use and will be accessible this fall via ECOS' website. We look forward to this meaningful step forward to communicate environmental results across the nation – and appreciate EPA's continued support of this project.

We also thank you for participating on the March 21 ECOS All Member call. State environmental commissioners from over 35 states participated and welcomed your remarks on the state-EPA relationship, water infrastructure investment, Superfund cleanups and brownfields, and advancing consistency across EPA regions.

While each state has its own unique issues and priorities, we hope these early interactions with ECOS show that the organization is a fair and impartial representative of what the states care about as a collective. ECOS looks forward to you delivering a Keynote Address at our Spring Meeting at 10:00 am on Friday, April 7 at the Mayflower Hotel and at the state-EPA closed discussion from 3:30-4:30 pm that afternoon. We are working with your team to ensure you have all the needed information related to these events.

Again, we thank you for your desire to work closely with the states, and for your strong and early support of ECOS.

Sincerely,

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